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SUBJECT: PAK REACTIONS TO AFGHAN CONSTITUTION AND DAOUD ELECTION

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1. PAKISTAN PRESS FEBRUARY 17 CARRIED TEXT OF MESSAGES FROM PAK PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TO PRESIDENT DAOUD ON HIS ELECTION UNDER AFGHANISTAN'S NEW CONSTITUTION. IN HIS MESSAGE BHUTTO NOTED THAT PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN PEOPLES ARE "DESTINED TO LIVE TOGETHER AS CLOSE NEIGHBOURS" AND HAVE COMMON LINKS OF ISLAMA AND NEEDS THAT DIRECT THEIR CLOSE COOPERATION FOR THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST. BHUTTO PRAISED DAOUD FOR INTRODUCING REVOLUTIONARY REFORM AND RECONSTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH THE "MOMENTOUS STEP" OF INTRODUCING THE NEW CONSTITUTION, WHICH CREATES FURTHER BONDS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AND WILL ADVANCE THE JOINT OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

2. EDITORIAL IN FEBRUARY 16 URDU DAIL JANG PRAISED INTRODUCTION OF CONSTITUTION AND REFORMS IN AFGHANISTAN AS WELCOME FIRST
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STEP IN IMPROVEMENT OF AFGHAN NATION. THE EDITORIAL ALSO EX-

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PRESSED HOPE THAT THE TWO NATIONS WILL SOON DEVELOP EVEN MORE BROTHERLY TIES THAN NOW EXIST.

3. EMBOFFS PLAN CONSULT WITH PAK FONMII OFFICIALS IN NEAR FUTURE TO SHARE THOUGHTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND WILL FORWARD GOP ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESSEES.
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